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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--APRIL 1992

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.1 percent before seasonal adjustment in April to a level of 139.5 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in April, the CPI-U increased 3.2 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.2 percent in April prior to seasonal adjustment. The April 1992 CPI-W level of 137.3 was 3.0 percent higher than the index in April 1991.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in April. This compares with an increase of 0.5 percent in March. The April moderation was reflected in most component indexes. The food index, which rose 0.5 percent in March, declined 0.1 percent in April. A sharp turnaround in the index for fresh fruits and vegetables was largely responsible for the decrease. The index for energy rose 0.4 percent in

Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended	Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '92	
	Changes from preceding month									
	1991	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.		
All items	.2	.4	.2	.1	.3	.5	.2	4.1	3.2	
Food and beverages	.0	.4	.3	-.4	.3	.5	.0	3.2	1.2	
Housing	.3	.3	.3	.2	.2	.4	.1	3.0	3.0	
Apparel and upkeep	.2	.6	-1.1	.3	1.5	.6	-.7	5.7	2.5	
Transportation	-.2	.4	.2	-.3	-.2	.7	.5	4.2	2.5	
Medical care	.6	.5	.7	.7	.8	.5	.5	7.8	7.9	
Entertainment	.2	-.1	-.4	.1	.4	.4	.6	5.5	3.1	
Other goods and services	.5	.6	.6	.3	.5	.5	.7	6.9	6.8	
Special indexes:										
Energy	.0	.8	.1	-1.5	-.9	.6	.4	.4	.0	
Food	-.1	.4	.3	-.4	.3	.5	-.1	3.0	1.0	
All items less food and energy	.2	.3	.2	.3	.4	.5	.3	4.8	3.9	

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April, following a 0.6 percent gain in March. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in April after advancing 0.5 percent in March. A sharp downturn in the apparel index, coupled with a smaller increase in shelter costs, accounted for almost 90 percent of the deceleration in the CPI less food and energy component between March and April.

During the first 4 months of 1992, the CPI-U advanced at a 3.3 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate. This compares with a 3.1 percent increase in the 12 months ended in December 1991.

The food and beverages index was unchanged in April. Grocery store food prices, which rose 0.7 percent in March, declined 0.2 percent in April, largely as a result of a sharp turnaround in the index for fresh fruits and vegetables--down 1.9 percent in April after advancing 6.1 percent in March. Within the fresh fruits category, sharp price declines were recorded for both bananas and oranges. The index for oranges, which increased 60.2 percent in the first 9 months of 1991, has declined 40.4 percent in the past 7 months to a level 4.5 percent below that of December 1990. Fresh vegetable prices continued to increase on average in April, but not as much as usual for this time of year--after seasonal adjustment they declined 1.2 percent. Tomato prices, which rose 110.1 percent in the first 3 months of 1992, turned down in April, declining 4.0 percent. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which was unchanged in March, rose 0.2 percent in April. Declines in prices for beef and pork were more than offset by increases in the indexes for poultry, eggs, and fish and seafood. Among other grocery store food groups, declines of 0.3 percent were recorded in the indexes for dairy products and other food at home, while the index for cereal and bakery products continued to advance substantially, increasing 0.6 percent in April. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--rose 0.1 and 0.4 percent, respectively, in April.

The housing component rose 0.1 percent in April, following an increase of 0.4 percent in March. A smaller increase in shelter costs--up 0.1 percent in April--was responsible for the moderation. The other two major housing groups--fuel and other utilities and household furnishings and operation--each advanced the same as in March--up 0.4 and 0.3 percent, respectively. Within shelter, renters' and homeowners' costs rose 0.3 and 0.1 percent, respectively, while maintenance and repair costs declined 0.3 percent. The index for household fuels increased 0.6 percent in April, as increases in the indexes for natural gas and fuel oil--up 2.4 and 0.5 percent, respectively--more than offset a slight decline in charges for electricity. The index for other utilities and public services rose 0.4 percent as a decline in charges for telephone services was more than offset by large increases in the indexes for water and sewerage maintenance, refuse collection, and cable television.

The transportation index rose 0.5 percent in April, following a 0.7 percent advance in March. Smaller increases in the indexes for motor fuels and new vehicles were responsible for the moderation. Gasoline prices, which rose 0.8 percent in March, increased 0.2 percent in April. (Prior to seasonal adjustment they increased 1.7 percent.) Despite registering increases in the past 2 months, gasoline prices were 17.7 percent below their peak level of November 1990. New vehicle prices increased 0.4 percent in April, following a 0.7 percent advance in March. Automobile finance charges were unchanged in April. On the other hand, used car prices rose 1.9 percent, their first increase in 5 months. Automobile insurance costs increased 1.0 percent, their largest increase since August 1991. The index for public transportation costs rose 0.8 percent in April, following a 1.9 percent advance in March, again largely as a result of increased airline fares. These fares rose 1.2 percent in April as airlines began restructuring their fares.

The index for apparel and upkeep declined 0.7 percent in April after seasonal adjustment. Lower prices were recorded for women's, men's, and boys' apparel, reflecting earlier than usual markdowns.

The medical care component rose 0.5 percent in April, the same as in March, to a level 7.9 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities rose 0.5 percent, reflecting an increase of 0.7 percent in prescription drugs. Within medical care services, the cost of professional services rose 0.6 percent and hospital and related services rose 0.9 percent.

Entertainment costs rose 0.6 percent in April, following a 0.4 percent rise in March. Increases in the index for sporting goods and equipment and fees for participant sports--up 1.0 and 1.4 percent, respectively--accounted for nearly 40 percent of the advance in the entertainment component.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.7 percent in April, following an increase of 0.5 percent in March. A 1.2 percent increase in the index for college tuition, coupled with a 0.8 percent rise in the index for tobacco and smoking products, accounted for about two-thirds of the April advance.

CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers also rose 0.2 percent in April.

Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Apr. '92	Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '92		
	Changes from preceding month										
	1991			1992							
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.				
All items	.2	.4	.2	.0	.2	.5	.2	3.9	3.0		
Food and beverages	.0	.3	.4	-.4	.3	.6	.0	3.5	1.2		
Housing	.3	.3	.2	.3	.2	.3	.2	2.7	2.9		
Apparel and upkeep	.2	.5	-.9	.5	1.1	.9	-.8	5.1	2.6		
Transportation	-.1	.5	.1	-.5	-.2	.6	.6	4.3	2.3		
Medical care	.6	.6	.7	.6	.9	.5	.6	8.5	7.9		
Entertainment	.1	-.1	-.2	.1	.4	.4	.6	5.6	3.0		
Other goods and services	.6	.7	.5	.2	.6	.5	.5	6.4	6.6		
Special indexes:											
Energy	.0	.9	.1	-1.8	-.5	.5	.3	1.2	-.1		
Food	-.1	.4	.3	-.4	.3	.6	-.1	3.3	1.0		
All items less food and energy	.2	.4	.1	.4	.4	.4	.3	4.3	3.7		

Consumer Price Index data for May 1992 will be released on Friday June 12, 1992, 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 85 urban areas across the country from about 57,000 housing units and approximately 19,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of food, fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 85 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the five largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain public utility rates, some fuel prices, and certain other items.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 29 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities, they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

The index measures price change from a designated reference date--1982-84 which equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

For further details see BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 19, the Consumer Price Index, Bulletin 2285, April 1988.

### Calculating Index Changes

Movements of the indexes from one month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in index points, because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The example in the accompanying box illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes.

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

Index Point Change	
CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5
Percent Change	
Index point difference	4.5
Divided by the previous index	111.2
Equals	0.040
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.040x100
Equals percent change	4.0

#### A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year--such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

In most cases, seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1987 through 1991 were replaced at the end of 1991. The seasonal movement of all items and 47 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 60 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 60 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called intervention analysis in conjunction with X-11-ARIMA for some CPI series. Intervention analysis allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors in X-11-ARIMA.

For the fuel oil and the motor fuels indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For some women's apparel indexes and the girls' apparel index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in pricing methodology; for new cars, new trucks, and new vehicles, this procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in marketing strategies and the introduction of new models. For the tobacco and smoking products index, this procedure was used to offset the effects of increases in excise taxes and wholesale tobacco prices. For some alcoholic beverage series, intervention was used to offset the effects of excise tax increases.

An alternative to the intervention-adjusted X-11-ARIMA procedure is the state space model-based seasonal adjustment method. This method adjusts simultaneously for interventions and seasonal effects, rather than sequentially as in the X-11-ARIMA methodology, using structural statistical models with explanatory variables. The state space structural model-based method of seasonal adjustment was introduced in 1992 for the adjustment of January 1991-December 1991 indexes for three Women's apparel series: Dresses, Separates and sportswear, and Suits.

A description of intervention analysis, as well as a list of events treated as interventions and seasonal factors for these items may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Claire McAnaw on (202)504-2051.

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group  
(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1991	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 1992 from Apr. 1991	Jan. to Feb.	Seasonally adjusted percent change from Feb. to Mar. to Apr.			
		Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992			Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	
All items	100.000	139.3	139.5	3.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2	
All items (1967=100)	-	417.2	417.9	-	-	-	-	-	
Food and beverages	17.627	138.8	138.8	1.2	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.0	
Food	10.007	138.1	138.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.0	
Food at home	9.921	137.5	137.5	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.2	
Cereals and bakery products 1/	4.426	145.7	150.6	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.9	
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	0.030	130.7	130.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Dairy products 1/	0.229	127.8	127.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Fruits and vegetables	0.854	161.3	162.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	
Other food at home	3.382	129.0	128.8	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	
Sugar and sweets 1/	0.346	132.9	133.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.3	
Fats and oils 1/	0.260	129.8	129.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Nonalcoholic beverages	0.739	135.3	134.8	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	
Other prepared food	0.039	139.0	139.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Food away from home 1/	0.085	140.1	140.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Alcoholic beverages	0.621	146.7	147.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Housing	41.544	138.6	138.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Shelter	22.894	150.4	150.9	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.1	
Rent, costs 2/	8.003	161.2	160.9	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	
Other renters' costs	8.835	146.4	146.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Homeowners' costs 2/	11.168	187.3	187.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Owners' equivalent rent 2/	10.683	154.1	154.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Household insurance 1/ 2/	3.303	141.3	141.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Maintenance and repairs 1/	2.028	128.4	128.0	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	
Maintenance and repair services	1.125	132.0	132.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
Fuel and other utilities	7.083	127.5	127.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Fuel	4.057	105.2	105.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	4.419	90.5	89.9	-4.8	-7.7	-1.1	-2.2	-1.1	
Gas (piped) and electricity (except services)	3.638	111.5	111.3	-1.7	-1.2	-1.1	-1.4	-0.7	
Other utilities and public services 1/	3.270	141.7	142.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	
Household furnishings and operation 1/	6.323	117.7	118.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Housefurnishings 1/	3.699	109.4	109.7	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Housekeeping supplies 1/	1.154	128.6	129.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Housekeeping services 1/	1.469	130.3	130.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
Apparel and upkeep	6.097	133.4	133.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	
Apparel commodities	5.525	131.2	131.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Men's and boys' apparel	2.511	127.4	127.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	
Women's and children's apparel 1/	2.218	127.1	127.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
Footwear	1.800	124.9	125.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	
Other apparel commodities 1/	1.550	142.9	143.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	
Apparel services 1/	1.562	146.6	146.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Transportation	17.013	124.6	125.2	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	
Private transportation	15.523	122.4	122.9	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	
New vehicles	9.032	124.1	125.1	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	
Used cars	0.052	128.9	128.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Motor fuel	1.135	115.7	117.9	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	
Gasoline	1.304	97.6	97.0	-6.6	-6.6	-6.6	-6.6	-6.6	
Maintenance and repair 1/	5.220	140.5	140.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other private transportation	5.533	152.2	152.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
Other private transportation commodities 1/	0.678	105.2	104.8	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	
Other private transportation services	3.855	162.8	162.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	
Public transportation 1/	1.490	153.5	154.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	
Medical care	6.689	187.2	188.1	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	
Medical care commodities	2.256	186.7	187.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	
Medical care services	4.433	187.4	188.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	
Professional medical services	3.213	173.4	174.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	
Entertainment 1/	6.357	161.3	162.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	
Entertainment commodities 1/	6.040	130.2	130.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Entertainment services 1/	0.310	194.3	195.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
Other goods and services	6.674	179.8	180.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Tobacco and smoking products	0.665	213.5	216.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	
Personal care 1/	1.187	137.9	138.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	0.632	136.1	137.0	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.2	0.7	
Personal care services 1/	1.555	129.6	129.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
Personal and educational expenses	3.822	193.5	193.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
School books and supplies	1.243	188.6	188.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Personal and educational services	3.579	194.0	194.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
Commodity and service group									
All items	100.000	139.3	139.5	3.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2	
Commodities	45.487	128.4	128.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	
Food and beverages	17.627	138.8	138.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Commodities less food and beverages	26.860	122.1	122.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	16.324	125.0	125.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
Apparel commodities	5.535	131.2	131.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	10.689	124.8	125.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	
Durables	10.036	117.9	118.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Services	25.513	150.7	150.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Rent of shelter 1/ 2/	27.273	156.5	156.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	
Household services less rent of shelter	8.915	128.0	128.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
Transportation services	6.866	157.3	157.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Medical care services	4.433	187.4	188.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	
Other services	7.027	166.0	166.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	
Special indexes									
All items less food	63.993	139.5	139.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	
All items less shelter	72.106	136.2	136.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	
All items less homeowners' costs 2/	90.317	140.8	141.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	
All items less medical care	93.311	136.5	136.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
Commodities less food	28.480	123.0	123.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
Nondurables less food 1/	17.844	126.2	126.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	12.210	122.1	122.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Services less rent of shelter 1/	28.241	147.5	147.0	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	
Services less medical care services	50.080	147.1	147.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
Energy	7.361	98.9	99.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	
All items less energy	92.639	144.7	144.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
All items less food and energy	76.633	146.4	146.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
Commodities less food and energy commodities	24.757	132.1	132.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
Energy commodities	3.723	93.3	94.6	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	
Services less energy services	51.876	154.7	154.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:	1982-84=\$1.00 1/	-	8.718	8.717	-3.0	-1.1	-1.3	-1.6	-1.1
1967-\$1.00 1/	-	.240	.239	-	-	-	-	-	

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.  
2/ Indexes on a December 1982-100 base.

— Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group  
(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes						Seasonally adjusted annual rate					
							3 months ended-		6 months ended-			
	Jan. 1992	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	July 1991	Oct. 1991	Jan. 1992	Apr. 1992	Oct. 1991	Apr. 1992	Oct. 1991	
<b>CPI-U</b>												
All items .....	-	-	-	-	2.4	3.6	2.6	4.1	3.0	3.4		
Food and beverages .....	137.4	137.8	138.5	138.5	-6	0	-1.2	3.2	-3	2.2		
Food at home .....	135.8	137.2	137.9	137.7	-1.6	-1.6	-1.2	3.0	-1.4	2.4		
Cereals and bakery products .....	135.4	136.0	137.0	136.7	-1.4	-1.6	-1.2	3.3	-1.6	2.4		
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	148.9	149.3	149.7	150.6	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4	4.6	-1.0	2.4		
Dairy products 1/ .....	130.1	130.5	130.5	130.7	-2.4	-1.4	-1.4	2.9	-1.0	2.0		
Fruits and vegetables .....	128.4	128.1	127.8	127.6	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4	2.9	-1.0	2.0		
Other food at home .....	151.2	151.5	151.9	151.5	-2.5	-1.4	-1.4	2.8	-1.0	2.0		
Sugar and sweets 1/ .....	132.0	132.4	132.9	133.0	-5.4	-1.4	-1.4	3.6	-1.2	2.6		
Fats and oils 1/ .....	130.7	131.3	129.8	129.6	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4	3.3	-1.4	2.2		
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	114.5	114.6	114.2	113.5	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4	3.4	-1.4	2.4		
Other prepared food .....	139.2	139.0	139.3	139.3	-2.7	-1.4	-1.4	3.3	-1.4	2.6		
Food away from home 1/ .....	139.7	139.9	140.1	140.1	-2.5	-1.4	-1.4	3.4	-1.4	2.6		
Alcoholic beverages .....	145.3	145.7	146.5	147.1	-2.0	-1.4	-1.4	3.0	-1.4	2.6		
Housing .....	135.7	136.5	136.5	136.5	-2.7	3.0	-3.3	3.0	-3.9	3.1		
Shelter .....	149.1	149.5	150.0	150.0	-2.8	-2.8	-2.8	3.0	-3.0	3.0		
Renters' costs .....	158.6	158.9	158.9	158.9	-2.8	-2.8	-2.8	3.0	-3.0	3.0		
Rent, residential .....	145.4	145.8	146.5	146.4	-2.8	-2.8	-2.8	3.0	-3.0	3.0		
Other renters' costs .....	182.2	182.5	179.2	181.1	-2.7	-2.8	-2.8	3.0	-3.0	3.0		
Homeowners' costs 2/ .....	153.5	153.6	154.5	154.6	-2.7	-2.8	-2.8	3.0	-3.0	3.0		
Owners' equivalent rent 2/ .....	153.5	153.9	154.8	154.9	-2.7	-2.8	-2.8	3.0	-3.0	3.0		
Household insurance 1/ 2/ .....	140.5	140.8	141.7	141.1	-2.6	-2.6	-2.6	2.7	-2.7	2.7		
Maintenance and repairs 1/ .....	128.0	128.3	128.5	128.0	-2.6	-2.6	-2.6	2.8	-2.8	2.8		
Maintenance and repair services 1/ .....	131.9	132.0	132.0	132.0	-2.6	-2.6	-2.6	2.8	-2.8	2.8		
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/ .....	122.8	123.5	123.5	122.6	-2.6	-2.6	-2.6	2.8	-2.8	2.8		
Fuel and other utilities .....	119.4	119.5	118.8	118.9	-2.6	-2.6	-2.6	2.8	-2.8	2.8		
Fuels .....	109.2	109.1	109.5	109.5	-2.6	-2.6	-2.6	2.8	-2.8	2.8		
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	88.1	88.2	88.4	88.3	-10.0	11.5	-18.8	-9	-2	-9.5		
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	113.3	111.8	112.3	113.0	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	2.7	2.7	2.5		
Other utilities and public services 1/ .....	140.2	141.2	141.7	142.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	2.7	2.7	2.6		
Household furnishings and operation 1/ .....	116.7	117.3	117.7	118.0	-2.1	-2.1	-2.1	2.6	2.6	2.6		
Housefurnishings .....	107.8	108.7	109.4	109.7	-2.1	-2.1	-2.1	2.6	2.6	2.6		
Housekeeping supplies 1/ .....	129.5	129.3	128.6	129.0	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0	2.6	2.6	2.6		
Housekeeping services 1/ .....	129.6	130.0	130.3	130.5	-2.1	-2.1	-2.1	2.6	2.6	2.6		
Apparel and upkeep .....	130.0	131.9	132.7	131.8	-2.6	-2.6	-2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Apparel commodities .....	127.5	129.5	130.3	129.3	-3.7	-2.9	-2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Men's and boys' apparel .....	126.3	127.8	127.7	126.3	-3.7	-2.9	-2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Women's and girls' apparel .....	127.8	130.5	131.9	130.6	-5.5	-9.9	-9.9	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/ .....	126.6	126.9	127.1	126.3	-3.6	-3.6	-3.6	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Footwear .....	123.2	123.9	124.2	123.7	-2.7	-2.7	-2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Other apparel commodities 1/ .....	139.8	142.9	143.9	141.7	-2.7	-2.7	-2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Apparel services 1/ .....	145.4	146.5	146.7	146.7	-4.9	-2.9	-2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Transportation .....	126.6	126.3	125.5	125.7	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Private transportation .....	126.4	126.3	125.0	125.6	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0	2.7	2.7	2.7		
New vehicles .....	126.2	126.7	127.0	127.6	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Used cars .....	126.6	126.7	127.0	127.6	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Used cars .....	127.8	127.7	127.7	129.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Motor fuel .....	95.3	95.7	96.6	96.6	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Gasoline .....	92.2	95.7	96.5	96.6	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Maintenance and repairs 1/ .....	139.0	139.7	140.5	140.5	-2.7	-2.7	-2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Other private transportation .....	151.3	151.1	151.8	152.4	-5.5	-5.5	-5.5	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Other private transportation commodities 1/ .....	105.3	104.9	105.2	104.8	-3.5	-4	-3.9	-1.9	-1.9	1.0		
Other private transportation services .....	161.9	161.7	162.3	163.6	-3.7	-3.8	-3.7	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Public transportation 1/ .....	151.5	150.7	153.1	154.7	-3.7	-3.8	-3.7	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Medical care .....	184.5	186.0	187.0	188.0	-7.5	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7		
Medical care commodities .....	183.5	185.3	186.5	187.5	-7.5	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7		
Medical care services .....	182.6	185.9	186.9	188.7	-7.5	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7		
Professional medical services .....	177.2	172.3	172.9	173.9	-7.5	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7		
Entertainment 1/ .....	140.1	140.7	141.2	142.0	-2.6	5.6	-1.1	2.5	2.5	2.5		
Entertainment commodities 1/ .....	140.0	140.2	140.7	141.6	-2.6	5.6	-1.1	2.5	2.5	2.5		
Entertainment services 1/ .....	152.7	153.7	154.3	155.2	-4.9	6.2	-1.8	2.7	2.7	2.7		
Other goods and services .....	178.6	179.5	180.5	181.6	-5.8	6.0	6.0	6.9	6.9	7.3		
Tobacco and smoking products .....	211.6	212.3	213.3	214.9	-4.7	7.5	7.5	8.4	8.4	8.4		
Personal care 1/ .....	136.5	137.5	137.9	138.5	-1.5	7.5	7.5	8.0	8.0	8.0		
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/ .....	134.5	135.8	136.1	137.0	-1.2	7.5	7.5	8.0	8.0	8.0		
Personal care services 1/ .....	138.5	139.4	139.1	139.6	-1.2	7.5	7.5	8.0	8.0	8.0		
Personal and educational expenses .....	181.0	182.4	182.0	182.5	-1.4	7.5	7.5	8.0	8.0	8.0		
School books and supplies .....	192.0	192.6	192.9	193.5	-1.4	7.5	7.5	8.0	8.0	8.0		
Personal and educational services .....	192.1	193.1	194.2	195.5	-1.4	7.5	7.5	8.0	8.0	8.0		
Commodity and service group												
All items .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Commodities .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Food and beverages .....	127.5	127.8	128.5	128.5	-1.6	3.6	2.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	
Commodities less food and beverages .....	121.0	121.6	122.3	122.5	-1.6	3.6	2.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/ .....	127.5	129.5	130.3	129.3	-1.7	3.6	2.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	
Apparel commodities .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/ .....	124.6	124.6	124.8	125.7	-2.6	3.6	2.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	
Durables .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rent of 'shelter' 1/ 2/ .....	129.6	130.0	130.5	130.5	-2.6	3.6	2.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	
Household services less rent of 'shelter' 2/ .....	155.3	155.8	156.5	156.5	-2.6	3.6	2.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	
Transportation Services .....	128.5	128.3	128.6	129.2	-2.9	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	
Medical care services .....	184.6	185.9	186.9	187.9	-2.7	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	
Other services .....	164.9	165.8	166.8	167.5	-2.4	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	
Special indexes												
All items less food .....	138.4	138.8	139.2	139.9	-2.7	3.6	2.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	
All items less shelter .....	135.3	135.7	136.5	136.6	-2.6	3.6	2.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	
All items less homeowners' costs 2/ .....	139.7	140.1	140.7	141.1	-2.6	3.6	2.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	
All items less medical care .....	135.4	135.8	136.4	136.7	-2.6	3.6	2.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	
Commodities less food .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nondurables less food .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/ .....	125.8	126.7	126.9	127.0	-2.7	3.6	2.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	
Services less food and apparel 1/ .....	125.8	126.7	126.9	127.0	-2.7	3.6	2.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	
Nondurables 1/ .....	130.6	131.1	131.8	132.0	-1.9	3.6	2.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	
Services less food and energy .....												

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Selected areas, all items index  
(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Apr. 1992 from Apr. 1991			Percent change to Mar. 1992 from Mar. 1991		
			Jan. 1992	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1992	Jan. 1992	Feb. 1992	Jan. 1992	Feb. 1992
U.S. city average .....		N	138.1	138.6	139.3	139.5	3.2	0.6	0.1	3.2	0.9	0.5
Region and area size 2/												
Northeast urban .....		N	144.9	145.3	146.2	146.3	3.3	1.7	1.1	3.4	1.9	1.6
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....		N	145.3	145.7	146.8	146.8	3.0	1.0	0.5	3.7	2.0	1.8
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....		N	145.5	145.1	145.7	145.8	2.7	0.8	0.4	3.5	1.8	1.5
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....		N	143.4	143.5	143.2	144.3	2.7	1.6	1.1	3.3	1.6	1.5
North Central urban .....		N	134.1	134.3	134.8	135.1	2.7	1.6	1.2	2.7	1.5	1.6
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....		N	135.5	135.6	136.0	136.3	2.8	1.5	1.2	2.5	1.5	1.5
Size B - 260,000 to 1,200,000 .....		N	137.2	137.2	137.4	137.8	1.0	1.0	0.7	2.6	1.9	1.7
Size C - 50,000 to 260,000 .....		N	135.7	135.7	136.2	136.4	2.9	1.5	1.1	3.8	1.8	1.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....		N	128.7	129.1	130.0	130.3	2.6	1.9	1.2	3.0	1.0	1.7
South urban .....		N	134.4	134.9	135.5	135.9	2.9	1.7	1.3	2.7	1.8	1.6
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....		N	134.8	135.5	136.0	136.3	2.6	1.4	1.1	2.5	1.9	1.5
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....		N	137.8	138.3	137.0	137.4	3.2	1.8	1.3	3.2	1.9	1.7
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....		N	133.6	134.0	134.6	135.1	3.1	1.8	1.4	3.1	1.7	1.6
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....		N	132.5	133.1	133.6	134.1	2.4	1.8	1.4	2.1	1.8	1.6
West urban .....		N	139.8	140.5	141.1	141.3	3.7	1.6	1.1	3.9	1.9	1.6
Size A - More than 1,250,000 .....		N	141.8	142.4	143.0	143.2	3.9	1.6	1.2	4.1	2.1	1.8
Size C - 50,000 to 130,000 .....		N	136.6	137.1	138.3	138.7	4.1	1.2	1.3	3.8	1.2	1.9
Size classes												
A 3/		N	125.7	126.1	126.7	126.8	3.3	1.6	1.1	2.3	1.8	1.5
B		N	129.2	129.8	129.6	129.7	3.0	1.7	1.3	2.0	1.7	1.6
C		N	129.2	129.8	129.6	129.7	3.0	1.7	1.3	2.0	1.7	1.6
D		N	133.2	133.7	134.4	134.6	2.7	1.8	1.3	2.8	1.9	1.6
Selected local areas												
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....		N	128.9	129.2	129.7	129.8	2.7	1.9	1.1	2.6	1.6	1.6
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....		N	144.3	144.8	145.5	145.8	3.6	1.6	1.2	3.2	2.0	1.8
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....		N	147.3	148.0	149.1	149.2	3.8	1.8	1.0	3.0	2.2	1.7
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-NJ .....		N	144.4	145.2	145.4	145.6	3.3	1.8	1.2	3.1	1.7	1.6
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....		N	140.3	141.0	141.9	142.6	4.3	1.6	1.2	2.1	1.1	1.6
Baltimore, MD .....		N	138.0	-	128.7	-	-	-	-	2.7	-	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....		N	146.3	-	147.9	-	-	-	-	2.8	1.5	-
Cleveland-Akron-Canton, OH .....		N	139.2	-	139.2	-	-	-	-	2.0	1.1	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL .....		N	137.7	-	138.2	-	-	-	-	2.6	1.6	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....		N	127.0	-	127.6	-	-	-	-	2.9	1.2	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....		N	142.9	-	143.0	-	-	-	-	2.7	1.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	2/	N	-	132.4	-	132.5	2.3	1.1	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	2/	N	-	132.9	-	132.5	2.7	1.3	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....	2/	N	-	137.0	-	138.7	4.2	1.3	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	2/	N	-	134.3	-	135.1	3.7	1.6	-	-	-	-

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

N - January month.

M - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

F - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.

3/ Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group  
(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1991	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 1992 from Apr. 1991		Seasonally adjusted percent change from Jan. to Feb. to Mar. to Apr.	
		Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Mar. 1992	Mar. 1992	Jan. Feb.	Feb. Mar.
All items (1982=100) .....	100.000	137.0	137.3	3.0	0.2	0.2	0.5
All items (1982=100) .....	-	108.1	108.9	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	19.547	138.4	138.5	1.7	-1.0	-1.3	-0.6
Food .....	17.811	137.7	137.7	-0.7	-0.8	-1.0	-1.0
Food at home .....	11.244	137.0	136.9	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
Cereals and bakery products 1/	3.125	149.6	150.5	1.8	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.559	130.6	130.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Dairy products 1/	1.363	127.5	127.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.958	160.9	161.4	1.6	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7
Other food at home .....	2.738	128.9	128.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Sugar and sweets 1/	1.387	132.6	132.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Fats and oils 1/	1.298	129.7	129.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	1.861	135.7	134.8	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9
Other prepared food .....	1.192	139.6	139.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Food away from home 1/	8.367	139.9	140.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	1.137	146.6	147.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Housing .....	39.078	124.0	123.9	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9
Shelter .....	25.993	146.4	146.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Renters' costs 2/	8.115	141.2	140.6	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
Rent, residential .....	6.678	146.0	145.8	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Other renters' costs .....	1.137	188.1	184.2	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0
Homeowners' costs 2/	19.275	148.4	140.4	-5.5	-5.5	-5.5	-5.5
Owners' equivalent rent 2/	16.953	160.6	140.7	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0
Household insurance 1/ 2/	1.322	129.1	129.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Maintenance and repairs 1/	2.022	130.4	129.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Maintenance and repair services 1/	1.109	135.7	135.7	0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	0.093	122.7	121.1	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3
Fuel and other utilities .....	7.152	123.5	123.5	0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities .....	6.149	105.7	104.5	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	3.766	111.0	110.8	1.8	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Other utilities and public services 1/ .....	3.403	142.3	142.7	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Household furnishings and operation 1/ .....	5.932	128.7	127.0	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3
Housefurnishings 1/ .....	3.615	105.5	105.8	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Housekeeping supplies 1/ .....	1.189	132.0	132.6	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
Housekeeping services 1/ .....	1.128	132.0	132.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Apparel and upkeep .....	6.092	122.1	122.1	0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0
Apparel commodities .....	3.566	129.3	129.9	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Women's and boys' apparel .....	1.445	126.5	126.8	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/ .....	2.452	120.2	120.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Footwear .....	2.283	129.3	129.3	0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0
Other apparel commodities 1/ .....	0.502	120.8	120.9	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Apparel services 1/ .....	0.526	126.4	126.0	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Transportation .....	19.939	127.2	126.1	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9
Private transportation .....	17.800	127.2	126.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
New vehicles .....	9.924	129.4	127.9	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2
Used cars .....	6.614	129.4	127.9	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.2
Motor fuel .....	2.040	115.9	118.1	2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2
Gasoline .....	1.068	93.4	95.1	1.8	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8
Maintenance and repairs 1/ .....	1.594	140.8	141.9	0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8
Other private transportation .....	1.173	149.2	149.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Other private transportation commodities 1/ .....	.856	104.6	104.1	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3
Other private transportation services .....	4.717	127.8	126.2	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3
Public transportation 1/ .....	1.719	127.8	126.8	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9
Medical care .....	5.674	186.8	187.6	0.9	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Medical care commodities .....	3.024	187.1	187.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Medical care services .....	2.640	173.2	174.5	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Professional medical services .....	2.735	173.0	174.5	0.9	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Entertainment 1/ .....	4.027	139.7	140.5	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Entertainment commodities 1/ .....	2.110	130.0	130.8	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Entertainment services 1/ .....	1.917	124.2	125.0	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Other goods and services .....	6.643	179.7	180.3	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Tobacco and smoking products .....	2.196	123.2	124.2	0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8
Personal care 1/ .....	1.146	128.1	128.8	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/ .....	0.512	126.7	127.7	0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9
Personal care services 1/ .....	0.562	126.7	127.7	0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9
Personal and educational expenses .....	3.302	120.6	120.6	0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0
School books and supplies .....	1.211	128.4	127.0	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1
Personal and educational services .....	3.091	191.3	191.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Commodity and service group							
All items .....	100.000	127.0	127.3	3.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5
Commodities .....	48.684	127.7	127.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Commodities less food and beverages .....	19.547	128.5	128.7	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Nonalcoholic beverages less food and beverages 1/ .....	28.937	121.1	121.7	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Apparel commodities .....	17.293	124.5	125.9	1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages less food, beverages, and apparel 1/ .....	5.586	129.9	129.9	0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0
Durables .....	1.729	124.6	123.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Services .....	2.514	125.9	125.9	0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0
Rent of shelter 1/ 2/ .....	25.041	140.6	140.7	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Household services less rent of shelter 2/ .....	8.756	127.7	127.9	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Transportation services .....	0.051	123.7	124.2	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
Medical care services .....	4.660	187.2	187.6	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Other services .....	6.028	123.8	124.3	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Special indexes							
All items less food .....	82.189	136.7	137.1	3.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6
All items less shelter 1/ 2/ .....	82.057	124.6	125.0	0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7
All items less household costs 1/ .....	82.220	129.2	129.5	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Commodities less food .....	92.128	124.4	124.9	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
Nonalcoholic beverages less food .....	30.164	122.1	122.7	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Nonalcoholic beverages less food and apparel 1/ .....	19.034	124.9	125.3	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Nonalcoholic beverages less food and apparel 1/ .....	12.860	123.9	124.6	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
Services less rent of shelter 2/ .....	26.673	129.5	129.6	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Services less medical care services .....	46.876	145.3	145.3	0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0
Energy .....	9.219	98.4	99.1	0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7
All items less energy .....	91.973	123.7	123.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
All items less food and energy .....	73.973	123.7	123.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Commodities less food and energy commodities .....	26.322	130.5	130.9	3.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6
Energy commodities .....	9.021	124.2	124.2	0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0
Services less energy services .....	47.750	152.9	153.0	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar: 1982=100.00 1/ .....	-	8.730	8.729	-2.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar: 1967=100.00 1/ .....	-	245	245	-	-	-	-

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.  
2/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group  
(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate				
	Jan 1992	Feb 1992	Mar 1992	Apr 1992	May 1992	3 months ended- Oct 1991	Jan 1992	Feb 1992	3 months ended- Oct 1991	Jan 1992
<b>CPI-W</b>										
All items .....	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	3.0	2.6	3.9	2.7
Food and beverages .....	137.3	137.5	138.3	138.3	138.3	-	-	-	-	3.5
Food .....	138.4	138.8	137.6	137.5	137.5	-	-	-	-	3.2
Food at home .....	135.0	135.5	136.5	136.4	136.4	-	-	-	-	3.1
Cereals and bakery products 1/	138.8	140.5	140.6	140.5	140.5	-	-	-	-	3.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs 1/	129.9	130.0	130.4	130.4	130.4	-	-	-	-	3.1
Dairy products 1/	126.7	127.8	127.7	127.7	127.7	-	-	-	-	3.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	126.7	126.8	126.8	126.8	126.8	-	-	-	-	3.1
Other food at home .....	135.0	135.2	135.2	135.2	135.2	-	-	-	-	3.1
Sugar and sweets 1/	135.0	135.2	135.2	135.2	135.2	-	-	-	-	3.1
Butter and oils 1/	135.0	135.2	135.2	135.2	135.2	-	-	-	-	3.1
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	135.0	135.2	135.2	135.2	135.2	-	-	-	-	3.1
Other prepared foods .....	135.0	135.2	135.2	135.2	135.2	-	-	-	-	3.1
Food away from home 1/	145.0	145.3	145.5	145.5	145.5	-	-	-	-	3.1
Alcoholic beverages .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Renting .....	133.3	133.3	133.3	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Shelter .....	145.4	145.7	146.3	146.3	146.3	-	-	-	-	-
Renter's costs 2/	145.6	145.9	146.5	146.5	146.5	-	-	-	-	-
Rent, residential .....	145.1	145.4	145.4	145.4	145.4	-	-	-	-	-
Other renters' costs .....	145.7	146.0	146.0	146.0	146.0	-	-	-	-	-
Homeowners' costs 2/	135.7	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	-	-	-	-	-
Gross equivalent rent 3/	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0	-	-	-	-	-
Household insurance .....	135.8	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repair .....	135.8	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	135.8	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel and other utilities .....	135.8	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel oil and other household fuel .....	105.4	104.8	105.0	105.4	105.4	-	-	-	-	-
Gasoline (piped) and electricity (energy services) .....	88.0	88.1	88.2	88.1	88.1	-18.0	12.1	-18.8	-5.5	-5.7
Other utilities and public services 1/	137.3	137.7	137.9	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Household furnishings and operation 1/	135.6	135.9	136.2	136.2	136.2	-	-	-	-	-
Housefurnishings .....	135.6	135.9	136.2	136.2	136.2	-	-	-	-	-
Housekeeping supplies 1/	130.1	130.2	130.2	130.2	130.2	-	-	-	-	-
Housekeeping services 1/	131.5	131.8	132.0	132.0	132.0	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel and upkeep .....	128.9	129.3	129.5	129.5	129.5	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel commodities .....	128.7	129.1	129.4	129.4	129.4	-	-	-	-	-
Men's and boys' apparel .....	128.7	129.1	129.4	129.4	129.4	-	-	-	-	-
Women's and girls' apparel .....	128.7	129.1	129.4	129.4	129.4	-	-	-	-	-
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	128.7	129.1	129.4	129.4	129.4	-	-	-	-	-
Footwear .....	128.7	129.1	129.4	129.4	129.4	-	-	-	-	-
Other apparel commodities 1/	128.7	129.1	129.4	129.4	129.4	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel services 1/	145.0	145.3	145.6	145.6	145.6	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation .....	122.6	122.6	122.9	122.9	122.9	-	-	-	-	-
Private transportation .....	122.6	122.6	122.6	122.6	122.6	-	-	-	-	-
New vehicles .....	122.6	122.6	122.6	122.6	122.6	-	-	-	-	-
New cars .....	122.6	122.6	122.6	122.6	122.6	-	-	-	-	-
Used cars .....	122.6	122.6	122.6	122.6	122.6	-	-	-	-	-
Motor fuel .....	122.6	122.6	122.6	122.6	122.6	-	-	-	-	-
Gasoline .....	122.6	122.6	122.6	122.6	122.6	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repairs .....	122.6	122.6	122.6	122.6	122.6	-	-	-	-	-
Other private transportation .....	145.8	146.0	146.0	146.0	146.0	-	-	-	-	-
Other private transportation commodities .....	104.7	104.3	104.6	104.1	104.1	3.5	-0.8	3.9	-2.3	1.8
Public transportation 1/	150.1	150.6	150.8	150.8	150.8	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care .....	182.8	185.4	186.4	187.6	187.6	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care commodities .....	182.6	185.2	185.3	185.3	185.3	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care services .....	173.8	172.6	172.4	174.4	174.4	-	-	-	-	-
Professional medical services .....	173.8	172.6	172.4	174.4	174.4	-	-	-	-	-
Entertainment 1/ .....	128.6	129.1	129.7	130.3	130.3	-	-	-	-	-
Entertainment commodities 1/ .....	128.6	129.1	129.7	130.3	130.3	-	-	-	-	-
Entertainment services 1/ .....	132.5	133.0	134.2	135.0	135.0	-	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services .....	170.24	170.72	170.70	170.67	170.67	-	-	-	-	-
Tobacco and smoking products .....	136.8	137.8	138.0	138.0	138.0	-	-	-	-	-
Personal care 1/ .....	136.8	137.8	138.0	138.0	138.0	-	-	-	-	-
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/ .....	136.8	137.8	138.0	138.0	138.0	-	-	-	-	-
Personal care services 1/ .....	136.8	137.8	138.0	138.0	138.0	-	-	-	-	-
Personal and educational expenses .....	135.00	136.17	136.51	136.51	136.51	-	-	-	-	-
School books and supplies .....	135.00	136.17	136.51	136.51	136.51	-	-	-	-	-
Personal and educational services .....	135.00	136.17	136.51	136.51	136.51	-	-	-	-	-
All items .....	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities .....	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages .....	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	-	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food and beverages .....	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel commodities .....	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	-	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/ .....	124.6	124.0	124.6	125.6	125.6	-	-	-	-	-
Durables .....	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	-	-	-	-	-
Services .....	114.8	114.8	114.8	114.8	114.8	-	-	-	-	-
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	139.9	140.0	140.8	140.8	140.8	-	-	-	-	-
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	132.9	133.5	133.5	133.5	133.5	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation services .....	132.9	133.5	133.5	133.5	133.5	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care services .....	132.9	133.5	133.5	133.5	133.5	-	-	-	-	-
Other services .....	132.9	133.5	133.5	133.5	133.5	-	-	-	-	-
Special indexes .....	135.7	136.1	136.7	137.1	137.1	-	-	-	-	-
All items less food .....	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	-	-	-	-	-
All items less household costs 1/ .....	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	-	-	-	-	-
All items less medical care .....	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food .....	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	-	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food .....	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	-	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/ .....	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	110.7	-	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/ .....	138.6	138.7	138.7	139.6	139.6	-	-	-	-	-
Services less rent of shelter 1/ .....	130.3	130.7	131.7	132.6	132.6	-	-	-	-	-
Services less rest of shelter 1/ .....	138.6	138.6	138.6	139.6	139.6	-	-	-	-	-
Services less medical care services .....	145.6	146.8	146.8	146.8	146.8	-	-	-	-	-
Energy .....	100.0	99.8	100.3	100.6	100.6	-	-	-	-	-
All items less energy .....	111.2	111.1	112.7	114.1	114.1	-	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy .....	112.6	113.1	113.1	114.1	114.1	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food and energy .....	112.6	113.1	113.1	114.1	114.1	-	-	-	-	-
Energy commodities .....	129.0	129.5	130.3	130.6	130.6	-	-	-	-	-
Services less energy services .....	117.9	117.9	118.0	119.0	119.4	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.  
2/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.  
Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: Selected areas, all items index  
1952=100, unless otherwise noted

CPI-W	Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Apr. 1992 from Apr. 1991			Percent change to Mar. 1992 from Mar. 1991		
			Jan. 1992	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1992	Jan. 1992	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1992	Feb. 1992
U.S. city average .....		N	136.0	136.4	137.0	137.3	3.0	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.4
Region and area size 2/												
Northeast urban .....		N	143.0	143.2	143.3	143.2	3.1	0.2	-1.0	3.2	-8.8	-6
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....		N	142.5	142.7	143.8	143.6	3.2	0.7	0.0	3.5	-8.8	-7
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000 .....		N	142.7	143.2	143.8	143.5	3.0	0.6	0.3	3.3	-8.4	-6
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....		N	145.4	145.4	146.0	146.0	3.7	0.6	0.1	3.6	-8.6	-5
North Central urban .....		N	132.6	132.7	132.6	132.6	0.6	0.7	0.0	2.6	-5.5	-6
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....		N	132.1	132.1	132.8	132.6	0.5	0.5	0.0	2.3	-5.3	-7
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....		N	132.4	132.9	132.6	132.6	0.3	0.3	0.0	2.0	-5.0	-6
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....		N	133.8	133.8	134.5	134.5	0.7	0.5	0.3	2.3	-4.4	-4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....		N	128.0	128.3	129.3	129.7	3.4	1.1	0.3	2.7	1.0	8
South urban .....		N	132.2	132.6	134.2	134.5	2.7	0.7	0.2	2.8	-8.8	-6
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....		N	132.0	132.6	132.4	132.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	2.5	-8.7	-5
Size B - 450,000 to 1,200,000 .....		N	132.0	132.8	132.8	132.8	0.0	0.8	0.0	2.0	-8.0	-5
Size C - 50,000 to 450,000 .....		N	132.7	134.0	134.5	134.6	1.0	0.7	0.3	1.1	-6.6	-4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000) .....		N	132.8	133.3	133.7	134.2	2.2	0.7	0.4	2.0	-7	-3
West urban .....		N	137.6	138.1	138.7	139.1	3.7	0.7	0.2	3.7	-9	-6
Size A - More than 1,200,000 .....		N	137.9	138.3	138.0	138.1	1.8	0.6	0.0	4.0	-8.8	-6
Size C - 50,000 to 350,000 .....		N	135.1	135.6	136.8	137.1	1.1	0.3	0.0	3.6	-1.1	-9
Size classes												
A 1/		N	126.9	125.2	125.8	126.0	3.1	0.6	0.2	2.1	-7	-5
B .....		N	129.2	129.6	129.2	129.2	0.4	0.4	0.0	2.8	-8.8	-5
C .....		N	132.4	132.9	132.6	132.6	0.3	0.3	0.0	2.6	-8.8	-5
Selected local areas												
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....		N	136.6	136.7	137.2	137.4	3.5	0.7	0.0	2.6	-6	-4
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....		N	140.3	140.3	141.3	141.3	3.7	0.7	0.0	2.8	-8.8	-7
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-NY .....		N	144.9	144.8	145.8	145.9	3.5	0.8	0.0	2.8	-8.8	-5
Phil.-Wilmington-Frenton, PA-DE-NJ .....		N	142.5	142.9	143.0	143.0	3.0	0.3	0.0	2.0	-8.8	-5
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....		N	138.5	139.1	139.9	139.6	4.0	0.6	0.2	3.9	1.0	8
Baltimore, MD .....		N	137.3	-	137.8	-	-	-	-	20.8	-8	-
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....		N	146.1	-	147.3	-	-	-	-	20.7	-8	-
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....		N	139.7	-	139.7	-	-	-	-	20.0	-8	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....		N	139.1	-	139.2	-	-	-	-	20.0	-8	-
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....		N	132.0	-	132.0	-	-	-	-	20.0	-8	-
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....		N	141.3	-	141.0	-	-	-	-	20.0	-8	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....		N	-	131.0	-	131.5	2.6	0.2	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....		N	-	131.3	-	131.7	0.2	0.0	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX .....		N	-	132.9	-	132.4	0.9	0.2	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....		N	-	128.7	-	129.4	0.6	0.5	-	-	-	-

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

N - Every month.

1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.

3/ Indexes are a December 1984-1985 base.

Data not available.

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